

Water Quality Advisory Group

March 8, 2000

Room 1319

**Minutes**

Board members present:

John Fekete, Tom Anderson, John Wilkins, Senator Gard, Melanie Darke (for Tom McKenna), Bowden Quinn, Bill Beranek, Matt Rueff and Lori Kaplan.

Audience:

Eric Fry, Tim Lohner, Lonnie Brumfield, Mary Ellen Gray, Cyndi Wager, Jan Henley, Syed GhiasUddin, Tom Renshaw, Maggie McShane, Glenn Pratt, Tonya Galbraith, Mark Share, Kathy Luther, Dennis Clark, Phyllis Hockett, Kari Simonelic, Vince Griffin, Bill Hayden, David Herrin

Introductions

Mary Ellen - Review of agenda and meeting material. Please send any comments on this paperwork to myself and carbon copy John.

John - We did make an obligation. Diverging views and comments are part of our complete record.

Bill - Sediment - biological criteria - should be biological integrity water quality criteria. Insert integrity after every biological in document.

Matt - How would putting the word integrity broaden the spectrum?

Bill - Biological integrity was included in Triennial Review. Well balanced eco-system.

Denny - Not sure if integrity makes a difference anyway.

John - Want to make sure we are clear. Will take this as a follow up. Matt will have someone respond. We will get a clearer understanding. TMDL's will lead to sediment. After the presentations today things will be clearer. Someone will take a look at the Clean Water Act to clarify terminology.

Jan - Overview of Assessment Branch

Cyndi Wagner - TMDL presentation

Questions?

Matt - EPA proposing a two year referral?

Cyndi - 5 year rotating schedule. Need interim period to modify the list.

Bowden/Tom - TMDL presentation

John: TMDL - end point or multi-phase process. Need to clarify in communication. We need to make it clear where we are in the process and clear end point for each scenario.

Bill - NPDES permitting - how does it fit in with TMDL?

John - How do you do allocation without a model?

Matt - Grand Cal - has been modeled.

John - Many complex issues need to be talked through and reviewed. TMDL has different expectations. Our purpose is to get as much information as possible. SB 431 - TMDL workgroup needs to be addressed as well. We need to get this information out so the department can get the information together. Any thoughts - please get them to Mary Ellen Gray. Maybe we can set up a small group to discuss this further. Also need to work on next steps to present at the next meeting. We need to identify policy issues. We need to determine if TMDL's fit here. Maybe a verbal linkage but not a linkage of intent.

Thanks for your attendance.

Adjournment